Development of tourism in Uttaranchal

†835. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has made any assessment regarding potentiality of Government sponsored tourism development in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the areas in the State which have development potential in the field of Government sponsored tourism;

(c) whether the Central Government are considering to provide any special aid to the State Government of Uttaranchal for development of Government sponsored tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Ministry of Tourism had prepared a 20 Year Perspective Tourism Plan for the State of Uttaranchal in the year 2003 and sent to the State Government for their persual and use. It contained the following recommendations:

(i) SWOT analysis, tourist forecasts, etc.

(ii) Suggested strategies for tourism promotion, product development, augmentation of infrastructure and employment potential.

(iii) Environmental Management Plan, Investment Plan and sources of funding.

(iv) Direct and indirect economic benefits from the Plan.

(v) Implementation Plan containing priority projects, institutional mechanism, modes of private participation and marketing strategies.

(b) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes

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for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. The projects prioritized for 2006-07 are:

Destination Development Scheme

1. Yamnotri

2. Tehri

Development of Rural Tourism

1. Village Trijugi Narayan, Distt. Rudraprayag

Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits

1. Rishikesh-Haridwar (Mega Project)

2. Bindsar-Baijnath-Manesar

Project proposals that are complete in all respect are examined as per scheme guidelines and approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

(c) and (d) A statement showing year wise details of projects sanctioned during 10th Plan for the State of Uttaranchal is enclosed.

Statement

Statement showing projects sanctioned to the state of Uttaranchal during the tenth plan

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3
2002-03		
1.	Rural Tourism Project at Jageshwar (Distt. Almora)	50.00
2.	Development of Haridwar-Rishikesh as a Tourist Destination:-	557.50
	(i) Development of Green Great Vista for Haridwar—Rs. 403.00 lakh	
	(ii) Landscaping and parking development along Ganga River at Rishikesh—Rs. 154.50 lakh	

1	2	3
3.	Artist Camp at Dehradun	5.00
	TOTAL :	612.50

2003-04

1.	Mounting of SEL at Haridwar on the Bank of the Ganges	192.00
2.	Upgradation of existing Tourist Rest House at Pipalkoti	21.14
3.	Virasat Festival	15.00
4.	Kumaon Festival, 2002	2.30
	TOTAL :	230.44

2004-05

1.	Development of Dayara Bugyal under Tourist Circuit	536.36
2.	Development of Pithoragarh-Munsiyari-Berinag in Kumaon under destination development	418.60
3.	Development of Pauri-Khirshu -Lansdowne under destination development	457.93
4.	Integrated Development of Badrinath Dham Travel Circuit	702.09
5.	Tourism Networking with INTERNET through WAN (Wide Area Network) in 30 Tourist Rest Houses and 10 reginal offices	50.00
6.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Mana, Chamoli Distt.	20.00
7.	Virasat Festival	15.00
	TOTAL :	2199.98

1	2	3
2005-06		
1.	Purchase of Winter Sports equipment for development of Winter Tourism in Uttaranchal	134.41
2.	Development of Nainital-Almora-Ranikhet Tourist Circuit	697.51
3.	Development of Gangotri (Distt. Uttarkashi) as a Tourist Destination	481.42
4.	Development of Kedarnath (Distt. Rudraprayag) as a Tourist Destination	453.13
5.	Integrated Development of Himkunt Sahib-Ghangharia-Valley of Flowers in Distt. Chamoli as a Tourist Circuit	653.54
6.	Rural Tourism Project in Agora village (Dodital) (Distt. Uttarkashi)	48.50
7.	Development of Hub Village at Mottad and its Satellite Station	48.05
8.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Chekhoni Bora, Distt. Champawat.	44.20
9.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Koti, Indroli	47.10
10.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mana, Distt. Chamoli	50.00
11.	Development of Rural Tourism (Eco Tourism) in Devriyatal at Village Sari, Distt. Rudraprayag	45.14
12.	Virasat Festival, 2005	15.00
13.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at Village Jageshwar (Distt. Almora)	20.00
	TOTAL :	2738.00

Revenue earned from foreign tourists

836. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited the country during each of the last five calendar years;